NEWTON YOUTH COMMISSION Meeting May 8, 2013 MINUTES

Location: Newton City Hall Cafeteria

Present: Kirsten Tuohy, Matt Green, Jeff Mace, Terence Sack

Staff: Jennifer O'Leary

Guests: Jay Harney, Kim Gallaugher, Kiran Milunsky, Brian Gruhn, Kathleen

Maguire, Deb D'Arcy, Chris Hardiman

Interns: Jay Sobel, Sophie Veksler, Hannah Lass, Eliza Beth

The meeting was opened at 7:00 PM.

A vote to accept the minutes of April 3, 2013 was passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- The budget for FY 2012 is \$2,500

- Expenses to date include:

\$423.86 Food/Activities/Gifts

\$487.50 6 Month Subscription eCHUG

\$710.06 Youth Summit II

\$700.00 Improbable Players

\$2,321.42 Total Spent

\$178.58 Balance

\$586.12 Revolving Account Balance

Business:

Update from the Mayor's Public Service Interns:

- Meeting with Superintendent and Mayor was a success
- Discussed top two priorities of Drug Prevention Programming and Time Management, specifically a peer mentoring component and how to fit prevention into junior and senior years and executive functioning skills into 8th or 9th grade
- Next steps include talking with Department Heads and meeting with teachers in summer who are redesigning bullying curriculum, meeting with Health and Wellness Teachers and meeting with student government
- Other ideas such as having equipment available during frees and youth/adult communication program nights will continue to be worked on also
- Newton's Teen Voice is also focusing on recruitment for next year and working on getting a plan in place

Improbable Players:

- Newton South High School (NSHS) accepted the Youth Commissions offer to fund the Improbable Players drug prevention program during a school assembly
- NSHS will host the Improbable Players on May 22nd for the entire junior class

Youth Awards:

• Nomination forms are due on May 24th and the awards will be presented on June 17th

Teen Safe Driving

- Guest speaker came to tell commission about new program from Drive In Control and a potential walk to help students fundraise to take the class
- Commission gave feedback and responded to this idea

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

The next meeting is Wednesday, June 12, 2013.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer O'Leary